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- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the Japanese Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information. See Reference 1.
- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of one or more non-English language reference cited herein appears in the Appendix attached. See Reference 1.
- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached. See References 2 and 3.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2 and 3.

- ☒ 6. Reference JP A 2003-035132, cited in the Japanese Office Action, was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 15, 2005.

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